

### Local Items.

—Phone 182.

—Subscription \$1.50.

—Resolutions in order.

—Turn over a new leaf.

—Don't forget to write "1918."

—An ice shortage would have no terrors these days.

—The food hog has given place to the food hoarder. Dig him out and pen him.

—The flue to the courthouse, blown down by the windstorm of Dec. 4th, was last week repaired.

—The Rockingham schools will begin the Spring term next Monday; the holiday lasted two weeks.

—Rowland Rainwater sustained a dislocated right wrist Christmas Day, when his Ford back-fired.

—A term of superior court for trial of criminal cases only will convene here Jan. 7th, for a week's grist.

—The Carriers made their usual rounds Christmas Day, but will be off next Tuesday—Jan. 1st, a legal holiday.

—A splendid Christmas tree and enjoyable exercises were held the Baptist church Monday night by the Sunday school, and the building was packed to the S. O. S. limit.

—According to county enumerator G. G. Terry, there were 9,662 bales of cotton ginned in Richmond county to Dec. 15th, as compared with 8,695 to same date last year.

—W. A. McDonald, more familiarly known as "Little Bill," tells the editor that he expects to deliver an address on "Temperance" in "Possum Tale" section of the county the night of January 1st.

—Don't let the New Year catch you in debt to your paper or preacher. (A loud "amen" arises from the Reverend corner, to say nothing of the thunderous approval from the P.D.)

—The home of Hector Jernigan, near Gibson's Mill, was destroyed by fire Friday night. The people of Roberdel No. 1 sent the needy family Christmas \$13 worth of provisions and some clothing. This mill community, by the way, contributed \$13.50 to the Red Cross.

—Elsewhere in this issue is a communication from J. W. Bailey relative to income-tax payers. Look it up. Mr. Bailey will have an office at the post-office from Jan. 2nd to 12th for the purpose of helping our people fill in the income-tax blanks; his services are free.

—The War Work of the Y. W. C. A. has been organized to meet the unprecedented needs which the world is facing today, especially as regards the boys and girls. For this work a fund of four million dollars is to be raised throughout the nation, and fifty thousand for this state. A campaign to raise Richmond county's portion will shortly be begun.

—The weather for the past two weeks has been bad for out-of-town shoppers, but Saturday and Monday were mild and fair; the streets were crowded with Christmas shoppers. Christmas Day was warm and fair, until five o'clock in the afternoon when a drizzly rain set in. The only church open Christmas was the Episcopal church, where service was held at 10:30.

—Community Christmas tree was held on the Square Monday at dusk. A large holly was used, draped from which were numerous colored electric lights. Many packages of fruits, confections, groceries and flour were placed at the foot of the tree, and these were distributed Christmas Day by the ladies to the deserving indigent of the community. The Pee Dee cornet band furnished music for the exercises Monday evening.

—On page 6 is a full-page announcement of the Hinson property sale to be held January 2nd at 10.30 at the courthouse. Read it.

—The year-old child of B. F. Sinclair, of Raeford, died Friday of pneumonia, following an attack of whooping cough, and was buried at Northam Saturday.

—Mrs. Sarah E. Beck, aged 73, died at the home of Mr. John Beck Tuesday night. The interment was today at Mizpah cemetery, conducted by Rev. Mr. Trott.

—A negro, Sam Baldwin, was bound over by U. S. Commissioner Guthrie Saturday to next term of federal court charged with failure to register June 5th. The bond of \$300 was not given; next term of federal court convenes at Laurinburg March 25th.

—Another skiff of snow Wednesday morning, and for an hour the flakes fell fast and furious; but the wet ground from the rain of the night before, prevented sticking. This morning the mercury registered 22 degrees above zero.

—The police department of the city of Rockingham has not made an arrest in the past ten days. Who could have believed that the Christmas season could pass without one or more arrests for drunkenness? And yet some folks will have the nerve to say that prohibition is not effective!

—The secretary-treasurer of the Richmond County Fair Association, E. A. Allen, during the past few days sent out premium money to the amount of \$400.75 to the 149 winners. The Post-Dispatch will publish the names of the winners, and the amounts won, in an early issue; possibly next week.

—Rev. and Mrs. Z. V. Roberson are visiting at Oxford.

—Miss Sallie Marks returned last week from Roanoke College, Danville, for the holidays.

—Sidney Hopkins, of the firm of Hopkins Bros., will go to New York Saturday night on a business trip.

—Mrs. Jake Hinson and children went to Charlotte last Friday to spend a week with her sister, Mrs. R. E. L. Graham.

—Rev. G. F. Smith and family returned Wednesday night from a ten days' visit at Beaufort and in Davie county—literally from the mountains to the sea.

—M. L. Tucker, who was stabbed by Charlie Smith the 13th, and who has been in Hamlet hospital, is reported to be out of danger and should be able to leave the hospital within the next two weeks.

—H. T. Odom came Wednesday to spend three days with his father, W. P. Odom. He is a sales promoter for the J. D. Ray & Co., of Raleigh, and has just put on a "daddy rabbit" sale at Rosedale, Miss.

—Mr. Jas. H. Warburton came this morning for a two days' visit to his father, D. S. Warburton. He lives at 528, Fourth St. Marietta, Ohio, and is connected with the Klau-Van Pietersom-Dunlap, in an advertising capacity.

—A negro, Will Gaffney, was shot Monday night in Hamlet and robbed of \$140. He claims to have identified the two negroes who held him up, one of the two being Johnnie Holmes; Holmes was arrested in Rockingham Monday night and is now in the Hamlet lock-up awaiting developments.

—Miss Sarah Odessa Haywood, who has been living in Charlotte for some time as stenographer for the Stafford Co., and Mr. Harry W. Weeks were married in that city Saturday night at 8:30. The couple will come here this afternoon to visit relatives and will remain until Saturday, when Mr. Weeks will join a squad of his Charlotte soldier-mates and return to Ft. Caswell.

### Personal Items.

Miss Bessie Everett went to Charlotte Monday to spend a week.

Born, Christmas Day, to Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Thomas, a son—Edmund Crawford.

Mr. W. C. Williams and family went to Wagram Monday, and will return Friday.

Misses Rosa and Jennie Parsons went to Wadesboro Tuesday; they will return today.

Miss Todd Armistead went to Lilesville today to visit Miss Winnie Spencer until Saturday.

Miss Annie Graeber, of Salisbury, spent from Thursday to Tuesday with Mrs. W. C. McColl.

If your item doesn't appear in this paper, don't blame the editor—blame yourself for not reporting it.

Mr. W. D. Wilson, wife and four children, of Rt 4, went to Fayetteville last Saturday to spend a week.

Mrs. J. W. Stephenson and J. W. Stephenson, Jr., spent Tuesday and Wednesday in Monroe with her brother, W. J. Hudson.

Miss Sadie L. Smith, of the Warsaw school faculty, came Saturday to spend the holidays with her sister, Mrs. J. B. O'Brien.

Rev. Thomas Trott left today for Wilmington to visit his brother; from there he will go to High Point to begin his new ministerial work.

Mrs. W. S. Stewart and Mrs. Mattie H. Stewart, who have been visiting Mr. H. C. Watson, expect to return to Charlotte Monday.

Messrs. Arthur L. Capel and Sip Phillips, of Camp Jackson, spent from Saturday to Tuesday night in the county with relatives.

Miss Sarah Lily Dockery and Mr. W. E. Dockery spent from Monday to Wednesday in Charlotte with their mother, Mrs. H. C. Dockery.

Mr. Robert S. Ledbetter, of 156th Depot Brigade, 1st Train Battalion, will return to his duties at Camp Jackson Sunday night, after a week's visit here.

Lieut. Walter L. Scales, Jr., of Camp Jackson, spent Tuesday and Wednesday here. He spent Sunday and Monday at Thomasville, Ga., on business (?).

The dancing young men of the city will give a dance in the Manufacturers' building Friday night. Shumaker's Orchestra, from Columbia, will furnish the music.

Mr. Washburn Williams, of Milwaukee, is in town spending Xmas with Mrs. Williams, who has been with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Hawley, for the past month.

John Q. Baldwin will return to Ft. Oglethorpe, Ga., tomorrow, after a week's visit here. He enlisted June 9th, 1912, and is now first sergeant of Battery A, 81st Field Artillery.

The Men's Bible Class of the Methodist Sunday school last Sunday presented Mr. Hal S. Ledbetter, a Hasting's Bible Dictionary, through Mr. Geo. S. Steele as spokesman, in appreciation of Mr. Ledbetter's work as teacher the past year.

Mr. Dan Nuttal surprised his friends by arriving in Rockingham from Camp Jackson in "soldier's uniform," he having been in camp for two weeks. This came as a great surprise to his friends, no one knowing that he had even enlisted.

Miss Rosa May Liles, of Anson county, and Sergt. Robt E. Underwood, of Youngsville, now stationed at Camp Sevier, Greenville, were married Saturday morning. The bride has visited in Rockingham and the county on numerous occasions, and her marriage is of interest to many friends.

## New Year's Greetings

FOR the liberal patronage you have bestowed upon us in the past year---

FOR the pleasing patience you have shown in our efforts to meet the record-breaking call on our services in the past month and for the loyal good will that you have always displayed toward your favorite Shopping Center, we heartily thank you, and express the wish that this festive season, always so full of love, and warmth and friendship but now shaded by a cloud of seriousness, may be the dawn of the day that shall begin the happiest year of your lives.

## W. E. Harrison & Land Company.

Store is closed for the next few days taking annual Inventory. But will re-open next Tuesday morning, January 1st, with some SPECIAL values that will appeal to you!

## OUR BEST WISH FOR A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

### To The Many Good Friends:

We have already made, and to those we hope to make in the coming year:

We wish you prosperity in your undertakings, wisdom and zeal for your work, peace for your pathway, friends for your fireside, and strength to the last.

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